

Amendment to the Drawing:

The attached drawing sheet includes proposed new FIGS. 14 and 15. These figures do not contain new matter, as they are merely a graphical representation of what is already described in the specification, for example in the description beginning on line 22 of page 16 of the specification and continuing through line 32 of page 17.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet 10/10.

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-31 and 33-39 are pending in the application.

Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) the Examiner to acknowledge the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s).

Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting that Figures 14-15 are missing. A new drawing sheet containing Figures 14-15 is provided herewith.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for providing information about recommended section headings. However, applicant respectfully declines to add the headings as suggested in 37 CFR 1.77, but which are not required under 37 CFR or 35 USC.

The Office action objects to claims 11, 35, and 36 for informalities. The claims in general are amended for one or more non-statutory reasons, for example to correct one or more informalities or obvious errors, including the above noted informalities, to remove figure label number(s) and unnecessary limitations, and/or replace European claim phraseology with U.S. claim language having the same meaning. The claims are not narrowed in scope and no new matter is added.

The Office action rejects claims 11-23 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 11, 16, and 17 are amended by correcting the grammar to make the meaning more clear. The claims are not narrowed in scope. Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that the subject matter of claims 11-23 is allowable once the §112, second paragraph rejection is overcome. This having been done, withdrawal of the §112 rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner for stating that claims 1-10, 24-31, and 33-39 prior to this amendment are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of patentable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is

respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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